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(1839-1865) JOHN WILKES BOOTH

Assassin of Abraham Lincoln

Born in Maryland. Son of Junius Brutus Booth. An unsuccessful actor, he abandoned the stage in 1863. To avenge the defeat of the Confederacy he formed a conspiracy against the life of President Lincoln whom he mortally wounded (4/14/1865) at Ford's Theater in Washington. Escaping from

the building Booth took refuge in a barn
at Bowling Green, near Fredericksburg, Va.
Discovered, he refused to surrender, and
was shot after the barn had been
fired. Later most of his accomplices were
captured and four of them — ATZ EROOT,
HEROLD, PAYNE (alias Powell) and
MRS. SURRATT — were hanged.